

Please amend the specification as follows:

In the Claims:

- B/ 20. (amended) The semiconductor device of Claim 18 wherein the predetermined pitch is less or equal to 0.14mm.
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REMARKS

~~Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the~~
amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 are pending in this case. Claim 20 was objected to on the basis of an informality. Claim 20 has been amended in response to the objection.

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Raymond (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,353). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Claim 18 includes the feature of "a plurality of pins each having a series of contact marks, each set of contact marks being of substantially the same pattern and spaced by a predetermined pitch." Raymond does not disclose or suggest such a feature. The Examiner has identified element 404 in Raymond's Figure 4 as "a series of contact marks." However, Raymond (col. 6, line 59) refers to element 404 as a "key-point". In col. 4, lines 13-17, Raymond says that a key-point is "a location on a surface of a component, a solder connection, or the BUT." Also, "each key-point serves as a target for light source 110." All of which is consistent with Raymond's statement in col. 3, lines 3-5 that "[d]uring a test, the height of each key-point associated with a selected component is measured relative to a local reference." Therefore, it is clear that Raymond's key-points are not contact marks, but are merely locations that serve

as a target for a light source. Moreover, Claim 18 describes each of the plurality of pins as having "a series" of contact marks. Even if one were to assume for the sake of argument that Raymond's key-points are contact marks, each of Raymond's leads 406 only has a single key-point, not a series of contact marks where each set of contact marks is substantially the same pattern and spaced by a predetermined pitch. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 18 is patentable over Raymond.

Claims 19 and 20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In view of the arguments above in favor of the patentability of Claim 18 from which Claims 19 and 20 depend, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing Claims 1-17, 21, and 22.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of Claims 1-22. If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

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